Industrial Research has evolved programmes for implementation during the 8th plan period (1992-97), and these include: Research and Development by Industry; Programmes Aimed at Technological Self-Reliance; Scheme to Enhance Efficiency of Transfer of Technology. These schemes will have a significant bearing on continuous absorption and upgradation of imported technology as well as commercial utilisation of indigenously developed technologies.

Indian Space Research Organisation to set up of a Corporate front to handle its business activities

2495. SHRl P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation had suggested setting[1] up of a corporate front to handle its business acti. vities;

(b) whether Government have cleared the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal involves various approval cycles and the matter is already receiving the attention of the Government.

Addition o£ newer societies or centres in Department of Space

2496. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Space keeps adding newer societies or centres:

(b) if so, the details of such additions during the last 3 years, year. wise; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for coordinating with societies of other Scientific Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Projects and Programme of the Department of Space (DOS) involve interaction with various Ministries/Departments, Industries in both public and private sectors, academic/ research institutions and Societies. In the area of common interest, where necessary, the Department of Space is represented in the concerned fora of these Institutions.

Identifying fishes in the sea

2497. SHRl V. NARYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea sed to state;

(a) whether Government are conducting any study with the help of satellites to identify fishes in the sea enabling fishermen to venture into the sea where large number of fishes are available; and

(b) whether Government are peri, odically disseminating information to the fishermen who are fishing in the coastal area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Thermal data available from the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA-USA) satellite (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer Sensor) are used to generate Sea Surface Temperature (SST) maps. Based on the examination of SST charts certain

specific areas are identified considering persistence of thermal features, temperature gradients, meandering pattern etc. Such areas are known to be fish potential zones. Then fish prospect zones are marked on base maps with suitable geographical coordinates. This exercise takes about three to four hours after the receipt of satellite data.

(b) Yes, Sir. Information related to the location of fish prospect zones is disseminated to fisheries departments °f respective maritime States through communication links. The information is then made available to local fishermen through vernacular newspapers and displays at the fishing harbour, and in some States through broadcast over All India Radio (AIR).

12.00 Noon

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Defence

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR); Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Defence:—

(i) S.R.O. No. 4-E, dated the 13th February, 1992, publishing the Coast Guard (General) Amendment Rules, 1991. under sub-section (3) of section 123 of the Coast Guard Act, 1978.

(ii) S.R.O. No. 11, dated the 15th February, 1992, regarding in. duction of women in selected branches/cadres of the Indian Army. [Placed in Library. See No. LT, 1539/92 for (i) and (ii)]

Report and Accounts (199-91) of the Modern Food Industries (India) Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GO-MANGO): Madam, i lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, un der sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:;—

(i) Twenty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Modern Food Industries (India) Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Re-port on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying th$_9$ paper mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1558/92]

Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Supplies

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED)-Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 83 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Sun-plies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 50(.E0, dated the 17th January, 1992, publishing the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 1992.